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SUBJ: FORMER FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL SEN RETURNING AS TWO-MONTHS

CONSULTANT

1. RELIABLE FAO SOURCE REPORTS FORMER FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL SEN (INDIA) IS COMING TO FAO HEADQUARTERS IN MARCH FOR TWO MONTHS WORK AS SPECIAL CONSULTANT, TO DEAL PARTICULARLY WITH STAFF RELATIONS AND RELATIONS WITH OTHER AGENCIES. (COMMENT: SEN'S BRAHMIN AUTOCRATIC STYLE WAS NOT POPULAR AT THE TIME, BUT CAME TO BE BETTER REMEMBERED IN PERIOD OF HIS SUCCESSOR'S ALLEGED PLAYING OF FAVORITES. RE STAFF RLATIONS, FAO HAD HAD SERIOUS EMPLOYEE MORALE PROBLEM. E.G., SUICIDES. WHEN SEN TOOK OFFICE, NEWLY-FORMED STAFF MORALE COMMITTEE BRIEFED HIM, AND RECEIVED THIS RESPONSE QTE SO LONG AS YOU HAVE A STAFF MORALE COMMITTEE, YOU WILL HAVE A STAFF MORALE PROBLEM. THE STAFF MORALE COMMITTEE IS HEREWITH ABOLISHED. UNQTE.

2. SEN'S CONSULTANCY WILL FOLLOW THAT OF AUSTRALIAN DEPUTY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE SWIFT, WHICH ENDS IN EARLY MARCH. SWIFT HAD KNOWN SAOUWA WELL, AND WAS AT FIRST LED TO BELIEVE HE WOULD HAVE WIDE RANGE OF WORK, TO RECOMMEND CHANGES IN WHOLE OF FAO WORK. PARTLY AS RESULT OF EFFORTS OF SEVERAL KEY OFFICIALS TO

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CONFINE HIS WORK, HE HAS HAD HIS PROJECTS REDUCED TO MINIMUM--

SPECIFICALLY REVIEWING OTHERS' STUDIES -- AND HAS NOT DEVELOPED
MUCH RAPPORT WITH SAOUMA, VOLPE

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